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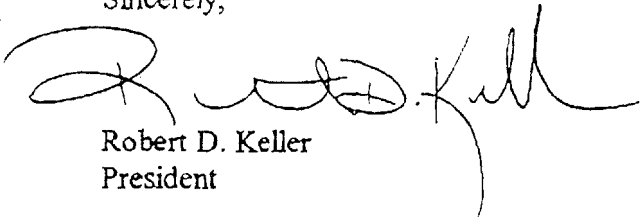
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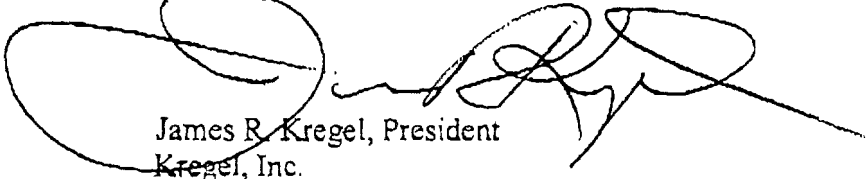
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Chairman Michael Powell
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Re: File Nos. NSD-L-01-36 (Michigan)
CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-200

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As you are aware, the addition of new area codes (whether through a geographic split or an overlay) is costly to businesses and their employees. The added confusion makes the overlay the least attractive option for area code relief. It is important to note that any area code solution will cost businesses needed capital to expand and create jobs.

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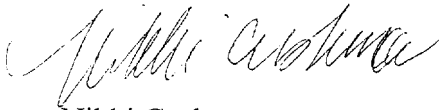
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Under your criteria for such delegated authority you specify that the numbering plan area must be in jeopardy, have a remaining lifespan of at least one year and that the numbering plan area is in one of the largest MSA's. The Grand Rapids MSA currently meets your criterion for eligibility.

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If I can be of additional assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Nikki Cushman

cc: Mr. Rusty Merchant
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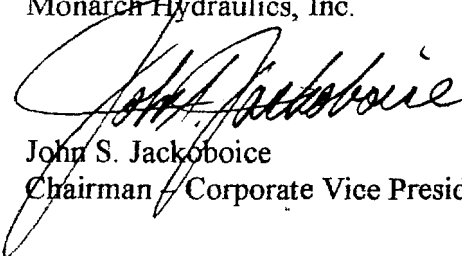
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